

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – March 26, 2013

Present: Hultgren, Meitzler, Painter, Raiola. Guests: van Zelm (MDP), Grunwald (Human Services), Haddad (Conantville Road)

The meeting was convened at 10:33 AM.

The minutes of the 2/26/13 and 3/12/13 meetings were reviewed and no corrections made.

Ravine Road UConn traffic – no progress, still no report from DOT.

Route 275 pedestrian concerns – ditto.

Construction traffic in Storrs Center – no new issues.

Handicap parking in Storrs Center – Hultgren has discussed the proposed additional spaces with the developer's representative, but he does not yet have costs from the contractor to install the two van-accessible spots near the north end of the Village Street.

Willowbrook Road traffic – nothing new.

Speed hump request for Davis Road – waiting for new traffic data when winter season is over.

Cobra light removals on Rte 195 in Storrs Center – Hultgren presented a memo recommending that 4 of the overhead “cobra-type” street lights on AT&T pole numbers 261, 262, 268 & 269 could be removed as they duplicate the decorative lighting of the sidewalks in these areas. He also recommended that the lights on poles 265 and 266 be rotated towards the driveways adjacent to them. He said the rest of the cobra lights were either at intersections or crosswalks and should not be removed. After discussion and review of the map, these recommendations were approved. Hultgren will verify these are indeed lights being paid for by the Town and make the request of CL&P.

Post Office Road no turn on red – tabled to the April meeting at Hart's request.

Speed concerns on Meadowbrook Lane – Constantine (Ray) Haddad explained his concerns about fast traffic on Conantville and Meadowbrook near the intersection where he lives. He suggested stop signs, enforcement and speed limit signs to help solve this problem. Hultgren explained that the Authority gets lots of requests to control speed via stop signs, but that the traffic engineering research shows this does not work. The area will be investigated and discussed again at a future meeting.

Employee parking at the Town Hall – tabled at the request of Hart.

State DOT vendor in place program – for information only.

Browns Road scenic road application – members had no specific concerns about the application except that it will be difficult to administer the designation of a scenic road segment that does not go from intersection to intersection. The suggestion was made to extend the section to the next intersection.

Referral of the Storrs Center Phase 4 (supermarket area) site plan -- This was reviewed for the second time and no concerns were raised by Authority members.

Referral of the Storrs Center Phase 1C site plan -- Authority members had the following comments: 1) Vehicle access and maneuvering off the Village Street should be clarified. 2) The loss of on-street parking spaces should be shown to be acceptable in the context of the over-all Storrs Center parking plan. 3) Fire and emergency vehicle access from Route 195 should be provided for (or at least shown to work) in the later phases. Painter will report these items to the PZC.

Nipmuck Trail Race June 30th) – approved with the usual conditions requiring the event organizers to coordinate the event with the Resident State Trooper's office.

Parking on Meadowood Road – referred to Engineering for investigation and recommendation.

The meeting was concluded at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works